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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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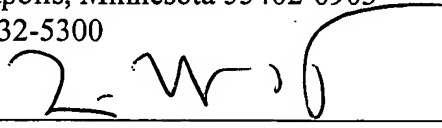
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	4,602,174	07/22/1986	Redlich			
	5,525,845	06/11/1996	Beale et al.			
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